

## **Amendments to the specification**

Please replace paragraph 00016 with the following amended paragraph

[00016]: Fig. 2 is a an enlarged, somewhat ~~enlarged~~—schematic, exploded, partial sectional view taken along lines 2, 2 of Fig. 1 and showing the hub cap sidewalls, the gasket, the flange and the retainer in relation to the hold down ring;

Please replace paragraph 00018 with the following amended paragraph

[00018]: Fig. 4 shows a portion of the flange in another position, and taken along lines 3, 3 of Fig. 1;

Please replace paragraph 00019 with the following amended paragraph:

[00019]: Fig. 5 is a figure similar to Figs. 2-4 but showing the fastener, a portion of the hub and other elements of the invention in still another position;

Please replace paragraph 00023 with the following amended paragraph:

[00023]: Referring now to the drawings in greater detail, Fig. 1 shows a hubcap assembly generally designated 10. The hubcap assembly 10 is shown to include a hubcap itself generally designated 12, and a hold down ring generally designated 14. The hubcap 12 includes a circular axially facing end wall portion 16, a sidewall portion 18, and a mounting flange 20. The axially facing end wall 16 shown has an opening 22, within a tapered inner portion 24, forming a part of the end wall 16. A removable plug generally designated 26 is shown to include an end face portion 28 and a contoured side wall portion 30, as well as a vent portion 32 in the end portion 28 of the plug 26.

Please replace paragraph 00024 with the following amended paragraph:

[00024]: The contoured side wall 30 of the plug 26 fits snugly within the space defined by the tapered portion 24 of the axially facing end wall 16 and the opening 22. The hold down ring generally designated 14 includes a main body portion generally designated 34 of annular configuration having a pair of flat oppositely directed faces 36, 38, and radially outer and inner edge portions 40, 42. A plurality of openings 44 are spaced evenly about the periphery of the hold down ring generally designated 14. A plurality of fasteners generally designated 46 each typically includes a head portion 48, a

captive washer or flange portion 50, and a threaded shank 52 for mating with a ~~position~~ portion of the hub (~~not shown~~) 53 (FIG. 5).

Please replace paragraph 00026 with the following amended paragraph:

[00026]: The flange portion 20 of the hubcap 12 is shown to include a plurality of circular openings 64, and a raised radially outer end wall 66. The radially outer end wall 66 contains a number, preferably ~~4-6~~, four to six, of contoured retainers 68. These retainers 68 are of a small size and are preferably formed integrally with the flange 20 and the raised radially outer end ~~side~~ wall 66.

Please replace paragraph 00028 with the following amended paragraph:

[00028]: It will also be seen that Fig. 2 shows portions of the hold down ring generally designated 14, including its outer and inner surfaces 40, 42, about to be fitted into the flange 20. This figure also shows the radially outer end wall portion 66 and the enlarged width retainer 68 therein. The figures may show the proportions of these parts somewhat exaggerated, since in practice the retainer 68 is deflected slightly merely by pushing outwardly on the radially outer end wall 66, thereby opening the groove 70 enough to accommodate the ring 14.

Please replace paragraph 00029 with the following amended paragraph:

[00029]: The gasket 72 is also shown whereby the flange 20 and the ring 14 holds the gasket in position and places the entire assembly 10 in compression. As shown, the shank 52 of the fastener 46 extends through the openings 44, 64 and 74 defined by the ring 36, the flange 20 and the gasket 72, enters the tapped opening 76 in the hub 53 and thereby secures these elements together.

Please replace paragraph 00030 with the following amended paragraph:

[00030]: FIG. 2 shows that the recess 70 may be opened slightly by deflecting the radially outer end wall 66 and the retainer 68, and that the ring 14 is then emplaced and the assembly completed by inserting the fasteners as just described. FIG. 5 shows the unit 10 as finally assembled, with the fastener shanks 52 extending into the threaded openings 76. Fig. 4 shows the ring generally designated 14 in a position wherein the retainers are absent and the radially outer endwall ~~sidewall~~ 66 is of reduced thickness, which is the usual case.